

REMARKS

Claims 37-63 are now pending.

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Wright for indicating that Claims 16-24 and 31-36 are otherwise allowable, except for the fact that those claims depend from a rejected claim.

As noted on page 7 above, the subject matter of Claims 16-24 and 31-36 have been rewritten in independent format in the amendment submitted above. See Claims 37-51. Methods of using the allowable tablet, capsule, granule, powder, inhalant, syrup, injectable composition, or suppository of Claim 19 have also been added. See Claims 52-63.

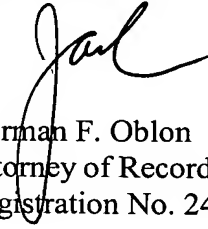
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) and the objection to the claims as set forth in the Official Action dated March 31, 2003 have been obviated by the amendment submitted above. Therefore, withdrawal of those rejections and the objection is respectfully requested.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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